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KUTAIISI PLANT LAGS -- Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 13 Aug 53

The Kutaisi Motor Vehicle Plant did not fulfill its plan for the first 6 months of 1953. The gross production plan was fulfilled 97 percent; the plan for the output of engines, 31.2 percent; and the spare-parts production plan, 71.4 percent.

Shortly before the end of the first half of 1953, the Kutaisi plant was informed that it would stop receiving approximately 70 parts and units from other plants starting with the third quarter 1953. This move was in accordance with the plan, but the plant immediately sent frantic telegrams to Moscow asking that the supply of 31 parts and units be continued.

The chassis shop was to have started production of rear axles long ago, but repeatedly failed to meet deadlines. A new deadline, 1 September 1953, has been set for the production of rear axles, but there is no assurance that the deadline will be met.

The tool shop is holding up the entire plant, but Ivanyuk, chief engineer of the plant, has failed to take decisive measures to eliminate this bottleneck. The tool shop not only fails to prepare the tools on time, but also fails to provide the right type and quantity of tools. As a result of poor tool supply, the chassis shop lost 3,187 hours in the past 5 months.

Another plant bottleneck is the gray-iron foundry, which the plant Administration for Capital Construction put into operation before construction was completed. As a result, molding machines on the second casting conveyor are not provided with proper foundations and vibrate badly, causing rejects. On 25 July, the foundry delivered to the engine shop only half its quota of castings for crankshaft bearing caps, and half of these were defective.

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Since the plant has put a large foundry into operation, the Ministry of Machine Building is going to ship fewer and fewer castings to the Kutaisi plant, but the plant management seems unaware of this fact. The metal pattern shop is unable to meet the growing needs of the foundry for patterns.

In the first half of 1953, the plant lost over a million rubles because of rejects. Production costs are higher than the level set by the plan. Between the plant foundry and the ancillary shop of the Rustavi Metallurgical Plant, a competition to cut costs has lapsed.

Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 20 Aug 53

The Kutaisi Motor Vehicle Plant fulfilled its plan for the first 7 months of 1953 by only 91.4 percent.

Yerevan, Kommunist, 19 Aug 53

Workers of the Kutaisi Motor Vehicle Plant have assumed the following increased obligations for the remainder of 1953: to complete their 1953 plan for the production of motor vehicles by 5 December, to raise labor productivity 42.2 percent, to lower production costs 25.1 percent, to reduce rejects 55 percent, to save 500,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power, and to make 4,646 square meters of housing available.

BUILDS PRESSES, LATHE GEARS -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 21 Jul 53

The machinery and repair shop of the Moscow Motor Vehicle Plant imeni Stalin has built the first 725-ton press in the USSR. The press, which is as tall as a three-story building, has been tested and shipped to the purchaser. The plant's New Equipment Department, headed by Alekhin, played an important part in building the giant press.

Power cutting has been combined with high-speed methods in the boring of frame sections for six-spindle semiautomatics.

New grinding methods are speeding up the output of casting machines for the plant's foundries.

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 8 Aug 53

At the Moscow Motor Vehicle Plant imeni Stalin, a brigade that is building 80-ton presses regularly fulfills its norm by 225-250 percent.

A milling machine operator who is machining gears for DIP-20C lathes fulfills his quota by 625 percent.

NEW EQUIPMENT AT MOSCOW PLANT -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 21 Jul 53

At the Moscow Small Displacement Motor Vehicle Plant, a periodication rolling mill for shapes with variable cross sections will be put into operation in the third quarter 1953.

In the near future, four types of bolts will be made by cold upsetting.

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ZIM-12 CAR FOR SALE IN MOSCOW -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 6 Aug 53

The specialized store of the Moskovskaya Oblast' Office of Glavmashsbyt (Main Administration of Sales, Ministry of Machine Building) announces that ZIM-12 passenger cars are for sale. Address of the store is Moscow 5, Bakuninskaya Ulitsa No 21; telephone: Ye 1-98-03.

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